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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to processes for the preparation of piperidylmethyl-indanones, and to the use of these compounds as intermediates for the preparation of benzyl-piperidylmethyl-indanones which are active compounds for the treatment of CNS disorders. The invention also relates to a process for the preparation of donepezil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and pharmaceutical compositions that include the donepezil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.